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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT - MOVEMENT OF DEBRIS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN
FROM JAPAN'S MARCH 11, 2011 EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI**

On November 1, 2011, your Board adopted a motion instructing the Director of Beaches and Harbors to: 1) monitor the movement of the debris in the Pacific Ocean from Japan's March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami; 2) provide a report to the Board if any debris reaches Los Angeles County operated beaches, including plans for removing the debris.

Debris is continuing to be monitored by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Based on confirmed sightings, debris has been found in Washington, Canada, the Gulf of Alaska, and in the northern portion of Oregon. No material that can be confirmed as originating from Japan has been found along the California coastline at this time.

We will continue to monitor and report to the Board any change in status. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kenneth Foreman at (310) 305-9550, or via email at kforeman@bh.lacounty.gov.

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